by interesting ties of feeling and affection. The system is in admirable adaptation to our state and our nature. We come into the world, not like the young of some animals, able to act for ourselves, but in utter helplessness, and we find that God has provided for us kind parents who delight to minister to our infirmities, and who feel as if the infant's smile was a sufficient reward for all their toilsome days and waking nights. The heart responding to heart, the reciprocal tenderness expressed in a thousand practical ways, are fitted, beyond anything which man can devise or conceive, to draw forth the feelings and to train the affections of the infant and juvenile mind. The memory, guided by the heart, here comes to the aid of the judgment, and renders all lengthened argument unnecessary; for, far as our memory goes, it calls up scenes of unwearied watchfulness and melting love, and tells us that no nurture could be so bountiful, as none could be so pleasant, as that which takes place under the dews of a mother's kindness and the shelter of a father's counsels.

Wild theorists have laboured to overturn this system, but God in his providence hath inscribed folly on all their road and profane attempts to disturb his arrangements ; and it has been found, that after producing not a little temporary misery, ,these parties have been obliged to abandon their schemes as prejudicial or impracticable. In ancient Sparta, Lycurgus substituted public education for family training, and the experiment terminated in rendering a whole nation cold-hearted and selfish. Socialism, under some of its forms, has proposed to exchange a household for a promiscuous life; but, as might have been anticipated, the change when carried into effect has led to caprice and cruelty, and opened the floodgates to every form of vice.

Secondly, There is the ordinance of CIVIL GOVERNMENT,

There is a necessity for such a restraint, in order to the very existence, and still more in order to the wellbeing, of communities. God has, also, speedily confounded all those visionary systems which have been projected to supersede this institution of heaven. There are means of securing governors, in the love of power which is so strong in some minds, and in the talent for ruling or which other parties are distinguished. There is a provision for obedience being rendered, not only in the palpable